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## DAR Supporting Historic Preservation at the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site



SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Representatives of the Illinois State Organization Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented a donation of \$25,000 to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site in Springfield in support of historic preservation at the Susan Lawrence Dana Cottage on the grounds of the site.

The cottage will serve as a library and education center where the public will be able to review the original drawings of Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana-Thomas House – and the suffragist writings of Susan Lawrence Dana and other 19th Amendment suffragists. The Illinois State Organization Daughters of the American Revolution supports the restoration of the cottage and development of it as an educational center. Historic preservation is one of the mission goals of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

DAR Illinois State Regent Sharla Luken presented the donation to the IDNR for the cottage restoration work at a public ceremony on June 17.

“We are thankful for the support of the DAR for the Dana Cottage project, not only in raising funds but also increasing awareness of historic preservation throughout Illinois and across the country,” **said Von Bandy, director of the IDNR Office of Land Management.** “Members of the DAR have worked tirelessly on behalf of the State of Illinois to help us achieve our goal of restoring this historic and important cottage at the Dana-Thomas House site.”

To make a donation or for more information on how you can support the project, contact Marria Blinn, Illinois DAR State Historian, at [mari104123@aol.com](mailto:mari104123@aol.com).

The cottage is located at 227 East Lawrence Street in Springfield.

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